Political leaders getting protection under 'Z' category

4016. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of political leaders in the country who are getting the protection under 'Z* category;

(b) whether the protection given under the 'Z' category to any leader is withdrawn:

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any person in Kerala is enjoying the Z' category protection; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI V1DYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) The list of'Z' category of protectees of the whole country is not maintained centrally in Ministry of Home Affairs. Ministry of Home Affairs only maintains the list of protectees whose security is approved by the Central Government. The security to an individual is provided on the basis of threat perception. Since, threat perception of a protected person keep on varying from time to time the security category also keep on changing. Accordingly, number of protected persons also keep on changing. As regards Kerala. Ministry of Home Affairs has recommended to the State Government to provide 'Z' category of security to Shri O. Rajagopal, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs in the Union Cabinet.

Agreement with Bangladesh on cross border infiltration

4017. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between Bangladesh and India over cross border infiltration:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the recent infiltration, including number of deaths by Bangladesh Rifles: and

(d) the action taken by Government in this-regard ?